

Delaware Agriculture: Cropland Rental Rates and Lease Agreements



The 2014 Delaware Agricultural Land Survey asked renters of leased cropland how much they paid in cash rent per acre.

Renters: Rent per acre for **Non-irrigated Land**, Weighted Average ¹

| Year | New Castle County | Kent County | Sussex County | Delaware |
|------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| | dollars per acre | | | |
| 2011 | 76.14 | 81.82 | 68.12 | 74.57 |
| 2012 | 82.20 | 83.41 | 72.54 | 78.80 |
| 2013 | 85.95 | 92.09 | 77.64 | 84.21 |
| 2014 | 91.25 | 90.72 | 74.68 | 85.43 |

Renters: Rent per acre for **Irrigated Land**, Weighted Average ¹

| Year | New Castle County | Kent County | Sussex County | Delaware |
|------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|----------|
| | dollars per acre | | | |
| 2011 | (insufficient data) | 120.22 | 132.37 | 129.30 |
| 2012 | 130.43 | 133.38 | 125.45 | 127.56 |
| 2013 | 138.85 | 135.03 | 126.80 | 129.32 |
| 2014 | 136.53 | 142.68 | 124.00 | 131.63 |

¹ Rent per acre weighted by number of acres rented at that dollar amount.

Cropland Lease Agreements

| 2014 Percent of all Renters with: | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------|
| County | Written Lease(s) Only | Oral Lease(s) Only | Both |
| New Castle | 37 | 40 | 23 |
| Kent | 27 | 58 | 15 |
| Sussex | 28 | 51 | 21 |
| Delaware | 30 | 50 | 20 |

| 2014 Renters | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|---------|---------|--|----------------------|---------|---------|---|---------|
| Percentage of Acres with Written Lease(s) & Length of Lease | | | | Percentage of Acres with Oral Lease(s) and Length of Lease | | | | Percentage of all Acres Leased by Length of Lease | |
| County | Percentage All acres | < 5 yrs | 5 + yrs | County | Percentage All acres | < 5 yrs | 5 + yrs | < 5 yrs | 5 + yrs |
| New Castle | 28 | 50 | 50 | New Castle | 72 | 25 | 75 | 32 | 68 |
| Kent | 44 | 63 | 37 | Kent | 56 | 26 | 74 | 43 | 57 |
| Sussex | 60 | 49 | 51 | Sussex | 40 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 |
| Delaware | 46 | 54 | 46 | Delaware | 54 | 33 | 67 | 43 | 57 |

| 2014 Percent of All Renters who Rented: | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Dollar per Acre Basis Only | Share Crop Basis Only | Variable Rate Basis Only | Share Crop & Variable Rate Basis | Dollar & Share Crop Basis | Dollar & Variable Rate Basis | Dollar, Share Crop & Variable Rate Basis |
| 78% | 7% | 1% | 1% | 11% | 1% | 1% |